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Ms. Janice Haith
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Dear Director Haith:

It has just come to my attention that a recommendation has been put forward within the Defense Department that the Defense Security Service (DSS) stop, for the foreseeable future, accepting industry requests for new personnel security clearances and periodic reinvestigations due to an "overwhelming volume of requests" and "funding constraints".

As Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, I have spent considerable time and effort trying to address the challenges facing the federal government's security clearance process, including holding hearings and authoring legislation in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Consequently, this latest news is both baffling and disturbing.

Please provide me with all relevant information to explain why DSS has been forced to consider such drastic measures to address its fiscal shortfalls.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis
Chairman